

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on June 6, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was on vacation but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(247) In the matter of RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY- Docket N96.5.84; On May 17, 1996, Ronan Telephone Co. filed an application to provide a detariffed new service called Toll Control With PIN. This service would allow subscribers to control access to long distance calling from their telephone with the use of a Personal Identification Number (PIN). The PIN must be entered in order to complete a long distance call. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the application for the new detariffed service. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang
Transportation Division

(248) In the matter of Docket T-96.29.ST; Robert B. and Emma C. Chada dba Port Polson Taxi Service, Polson, Montana has filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity, PSC No. 9218, to Glenda A. Resch dba South Lake Taxi, Polson, Montana.

Class B - Persons within the City of Polson, Montana and between points and places within a seventy (70) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation in limousine service is prohibited. 2) Transportation must originate or terminate in Lake County. 3) Carrier is prohibited from picking up passengers in Flathead County. 4) Transportation is limited to ten (10) passengers or less.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the transfer of PSC No. 9218. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(249) In the matter of Docket T-96.17.PCN; Jill Michelle Richards dba Whitefish Taxi & Kiddy Cab, Whitefish, Montana filed an application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and necessity. Parties have stipulated to the following grant of authority:

Class B - Passengers between all points and places within Whitefish, Montana and an eleven (11) mile radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation is prohibited south on U.S. Highway 2 at the intersection of U.S. Highway 2 and 40. 2) Transportation is restricted to that provided by vehicles with rated seating capacity of seven or less. 3) Transportation in limousine service is

prohibited. 4) Transportation of Burlington Northern crews is prohibited. 5) Transportation of skiers is prohibited to or from the Big Mountain Ski area from Thanksgiving Day through Easter Sunday. 6) Transportation to or from the airport is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the stipulated authority. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(250) In the matter of the approval of the July, 1996 calendar; Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the calendar; Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was on vacation, but participated in the following work sessions via telephone hook up.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(251) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a railroad crossing in Nashua, Montana of the

Burlington Norther Santa Fe Railroad; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct the Chair to send letters in response to the complaint to BNSF and the petitioner. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Kate Whitney

(252) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communication's additional line promotion for computer users - Docket No. N96.5.81; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, Mike Lee

(253) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Dakota Utilities Natural Gas - Reserved Issue Order - Docket No. 95.7.90; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant Order No. 5856d. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(254) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's Electric Cost of Service - Docket No. D96.3.33; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Final Order/Cost of Service No. 5915. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Dan Elliott

(255) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of its budget and salaries; Commissioner Rowe moved to instruct the ACT to implement salary increases of \$2,000 each for Mike Sheard and Will Rosquist. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson

Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, June 6, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Oberg was absent, but left his votes with Commissioner Fisher.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Will Rosquist

(256) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications objection to AT&T's data requests - Docket No. D96.2.15 USWC/PTI; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct answers to AT&T data requests 3, 6, 8, 33, 43 and sustain objections to 9, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 36, and 37. AT&T withdrew 20 and 24. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on June 17, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was on vacation, but left votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(257) In the matter of SHELBY GAS & CUT BANK GAS - Dockets D96.2.20 & D96.2.21; The final order in MPC=s general case Docket D95.9.128 increased the cost of purchased gas for Shelby Gas Association and Cut Bank Gas Company. Second interim orders have been drafted. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the pass-through. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(258) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - Docket N96.5.92; On May 31, 1996, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 96-25 to introduce a promotion for the AReal Deal@. The filing will waive the non-recurring charge to subscribers of the Real Deal Package during the promotional period from July 1 through August 31, 1996. The waiver would be available in the AReal Deal@ package and not on individual custom calling features. USWC provided proprietary financial support to waive the non-recurring charge for these services. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve Tariff 96-25. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(259) In the matter of VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. - Docket N96.5.89; On May 24, 1996, Valley Telecommunications, Inc. filed an application to offer a new detariffed service of voice mail for both business and residential customers. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve to application. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang
Transportation Division

(260) In the matter of Docket T-96.18.PCN; Michael J. Vick & Nancy E. Immel dba Red Lodge Shuttle, North Logan, Utah filed application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing transportation of the following:

Class B - Passengers 1) between all points and places within Carbon County, Montana, and 2) between points in Carbon County, on the one hand, and Billings, Montana and points immediately tributary thereto, on the other hand.

Protestant filed discovery requests on March 26, 1996. No responses were filed by applicant. A Motion to compel production of discovery was filed May 9, 1996. Staff requested Applicant to file answers to discovery by May 22, 1996, prior to Commission action on the motion. Applicant has not responded. The motion to compel production of discovery is before the Commission for action.

Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the Motion to Compel and order answers by

June 24, 1996.

Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
Commissioner Rowe voted
aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, June 18, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was on vacation, but left votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(261) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone Co. and Hot Springs Telephone Co. - Docket Nos. N96.5.87 and N96.5.88; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue a protective order as recommended by staff. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Kate Whitney

(262) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the restricted service tariff filing by Sprint - Docket No. N96.5.83; Commissioner Fisher moved to reject the restricted service tariff for excessive toll

usage. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Mike Lee

(263) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a US West Communication revision to its Carrier Common Line Access tariffs - Docket No. N96.4.70. Commissioner Oberg moved to suspend the tariff filing and direct staff to set an early hearing date. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Will Rosquist

(264) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Dakota Utilities Integrated Resource Plan - Docket No. D95.9.135; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the staff draft of an order subject to technical editing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners McCaffree, Fisher, Rowe and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Oberg dissented.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(265) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Extended Area Service - Docket Nos. D95.10.146, D95.10.147 and D96.2.27; Commissioner Fisher moved to consolidate the Billings EAS docket into other EAS dockets. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, June 24, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(266) In the matter of CITIZENS TELECOM - Docket D96.5.85; On May 22, Citizens filed a proposal to offer extended local calling options. Citizens proposes to allow customers in each of its exchanges to choose from 3 rate plans to complete calls to customers in Citizens' other exchanges. The rate plans include a "premium" flat rate option, a measured rate option, or customers can choose to retain their current service. A memo describing the filing was distributed on June 3. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the proposal as filed. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(267) In the matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N96.4.71; On April 26, 1996, USWC filed tariff transmittal 96-17 to introduce a new long distance optional calling plan for residential customers. The plan, Montana Value Calling Plan II, offers customers the option to buy 120 minutes of intraLATA direct dialed long distance calling for a monthly rate of \$15.60. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang
Transportation Division

(268) In the matter of T96.30.OTSC; In the matter of the cancellation of PSC No. 9024, James H. Hagen dba Capitol City Cab, Helena, Montana for failure to reactivate following 12 consecutive months of suspension. An Order to Show Cause was issued and received by the carrier on June 4, 1996 with no response.

Class B - Persons, in the City of Helena, Montana, and between points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: Regular or scheduled service as a jitney or bus is prohibited on or over any route.

Commissioner Anderson moved to cancel PSC No. 9024. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was

adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, June 25, 1996, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Oberg was attending a Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting, but voted on the following matters later.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Dennis Crawford, Joel Tierney

(269) In the matter of Commissioner discussion of Express Pipe Partnership Common Carrier Pipeline filing - Docket No. D96.5.91; Staff recommends that the Commission accept the filing of acceptance and direct Express to comply with Chapter 13 requirements at such time as it provides intrastate common carrier pipeline service. Anderson moved to accept staffs recommendation; Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(270) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's request for a protective order - Docket No. D96.2.22; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a protective order. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

(271) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's

request for an extension of time to file its response to MPC's motion - Docket No. D96.2.22; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant MPC's request for an extension of time to file and deny West-coast Gas Services, Inc. request for additional time to respond to MPC's motion. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Will Rosquist

(272) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Abandonment Cost Rule; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the proposed rule as revised, "revised the extent of recovery of abandonment costs as defined in Section 69-12-1203(1), MCA, will be governed by the Commission's usual rate making consideration of plant and expenses. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Robin McHugh

(273) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Advanced Silicon Materials tariff - Docket No. N96.6.106; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the protective order as drafted. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Oberg was attending a Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting, but voted on the following items later. Commissioner Anderson was absent, but left his proxy on the following items to Commissioner Rowe.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(274) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Burlington Northern Santa Fee, Libby agency closure - Docket No. T-94.51.RR; Commissioner Rowe moved to dismiss TCU's complaint. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Rowe voted Commissioner Anderson aye.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Mike Lee

(275) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's Line Extension Policies - Docket No. N96.6.99; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff amendment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Rowe voted Commissioner Anderson aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh, Dan Elliott

(276) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of budget and travel; Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize an extension of one week (June 25, 1996) for temporary employee Maggie Meredith to complete certain library projects. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Rowe voted Commissioner Anderson aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh, Dan Elliott

(277) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of budget and travel; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve out-of-state travel for one staff to attend the FCC meeting in Washington, D.C. on July 1, 1996. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Rowe voted Commissioner Anderson aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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